

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

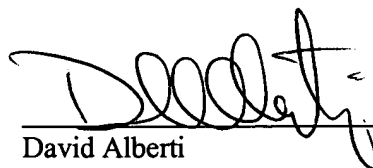
The present amendment is in response to the final rejection mailed on April 8, 2004. In that action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 7 and 8 were allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5 (which depended from claim 1), and amended claims 7 and 8 to depend from claim 1. Applicant therefore asserts that claims 1, 7 and 8 are now in condition for allowance. Applicant also amended claim 13, which is a computer readable medium claim corresponding to claim 1. Particularly, claim 13 has been amended to be commensurate in scope with amended claim 1 (i.e., including the limitations of claim 5). Therefore, Applicants request that claim 13 be allowed as well. All other pending claims have been canceled.

For all of these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present case is in condition for allowance, and requests that a patent issue. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the following address or telephone number:

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